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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Duke Energy Progress, LLC for Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules and Tariffs and Request for an Accounting Order
Docket No. 2018-318-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On April 9, 2019, Mr. Harry Ott, President of the South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation ("Farm Bureau"), filed a letter with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") requesting that *if* an increase is permitted for the Basic Facilities Charge ("BFC") for Medium General Service ("MGS") rate class that it be limited to the corresponding 24.5% increase for the Small General Service rate class

Following the night hearings held in the above referenced docket on April 1st and 2nd, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS"), received inquiries and calls from the agriculture community expressing concern over the requested increase. Based on the testimony at the night hearings and these contacts, ORS supports the Farm Bureau's request to limit the increase to the MGS BFC to an increase similar to the increase ORS applied to SGS. Based on ORS's adjustments, a 24.5% increase results in a \$21.38 BFC for the MGS rate class.

Sincerely,

Nanette S. Edwards

cc: All Parties of Record (via E-Mail)
Joseph Melchers, Esquire (via E-Mail)
Harry Ott, President SC Farm Bureau Federation